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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of the Application of

Stephen Michnick et al

Serial Number: 10/724,178

Filed: December 1, 2003

For: FRAGMENTS OF FLUORESCENT
PROTEINS FOR PROTEIN FRAGMENT
COMPLEMENTATION ASSAYS

Group Art Unit: 1631
Examiner: John S. Brusca

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL ACTION DATED OCTOBER 20th, 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action dated October 20th, 2004, with the period for response extended two months (a check in the amount of \$325.⁰⁰ is enclosed for a two month extension of time (\$225.⁰⁰) and an additional independent claim (\$100.⁰⁰) reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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